

## Hunting Season Info.

### Deer – See Deer Application for unit maps

East River Deer - **CLOSED**  
Archery Deer - **CLOSED**  
Muzzleloader Deer - **CLOSED**  
Youth/Mentor Deer - **CLOSED**

\*Legal shooting time is one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset

### Waterfowl – Population Index: [Click Here](#)

#### Ducks – See unit map in hunting handbook

Low Plains North - **CLOSED**  
Low Plains Middle - **CLOSED**  
Low Plains South - **CLOSED**

#### Canada Geese – See unit map in hunting handbook

Unit 1 - **CLOSED**  
Unit 2 - **CLOSED**

#### Light Geese – Open Feb 14 – May 3

#### White-fronted Geese - **CLOSED**

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### Pheasant

Statewide - **CLOSED**

### Turkey – See Turkey application for unit map and exceptions

Fall - **CLOSED**  
Spring - April 11 - May 17 except Davison/Hanson & Lincoln counties. **Turkey Apps are available.**

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## Aurora County

**Lynn Geuke**

**Fishing Report:** Ice conditions are terrible across the county. Stay off the ice!

**Wilmarth Mitchell:** Fishing has been slow; little to no activity.

**Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: Minimum Length 15"**

**Nelson Lake:** No report.

**Hunting report:** Low activity.

## Beadle County

**Chris Kuntz**

**Fishing Report:** Ice conditions are terrible.

**Lake Byron:** No activity.

**Mud Lake:** No activity.

**Cavour Lake:** No activity.

**Ravine:** No activity.

**Hunting Report:** Snow geese have started to show up in the county but currently low numbers.

## Bon Homme County

Todd Crownover

Fishing Report:

Missouri River: Open water.

Lake Henry: Open water. **Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: Minimum Length 15"**

Clear Lake: No report.

Merkel Lake (Singleton GPA): No activity.

West Heritage GPA Pond: No activity. **Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: Minimum Length 15"**

Hunting Report: Snow geese were first seen over a week ago.

## Brookings County

Jeff Grendler

Fishing Report: Ice conditions are no good.

Lake Sinai: Fishing has been slow. **Off limits to game fish spearing.**

West Lake Oakwood: Slow.

East Oakwood: Slow.

Oak Lake: No activity.

Brush Lake: A few perch biting. 8-10 inches.

Lake Poinsett: Slow. **Walleye: Minimum Length 15"**

East 81 ponds: Slow, little to no activity. **Off limits to game fish spearing.**

Lake Hendricks: Slow, little to no activity. **No highgrading of any species.**

Lake Goldsmith: No activity.

Lake Campbell: No activity.

Dakota Nature Park: Slow.

Interstate Lake: Slow.

Big Sioux River: No activity.

Hunting Report: Snow geese are in the area but mostly west of Hwy 81.

## Clay County

Tony Stokely

Fishing Report: Ice is almost if not completely off.

Missouri River: No activity.

Vermillion River: No activity.

Hunting Report: Some snow geese were seen a week ago.

## Davison County

Andy Petersen

Fishing Report: Ice is poor.

**Remember Firesteel Creek is off limits to the taking of any baitfish.**

Lake Mitchell: No report. **Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass & Walleye: Minimum Length 15"**

James River: No report.

Firesteel Creek: **Off limits to the taking of any baitfish. Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass & Walleye: Minimum Length 15"**

Hunting Report: Flocks of snow geese have been observed in the area.

## Hanson County

Andy Petersen/Matt Talbert

Fishing Report: Ice is poor.

Lake Hanson: No report. **Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: Minimum Length 15"**

Ethan Dam: No report

**James River:** No report

**Hunting Report:** Flocks of snow geese have been observed in the area.

## Hutchinson County

**Brian Humphrey**

**Fishing:**

**Menno Lake:** Open water.

**Tripp Lake:** Open water.

**Dimock Lake:** No activity. **Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: Minimum Length 15"**

**Hunting:** No activity but the snow geese are flying over the county. I have not seen any geese on the ground yet.

## Jerauld County

**Lynn Geuke**

**Fishing Report:** No report.

**Hunting Report:** All snow geese have been observed flying high and moving fast.

## Kingsbury County

**Shane Van Bockern**

**Fishing Reports: BEWARE ICE CONDITIONS**

**Lake Thompson:** Slow-fair for walleye crappie and a few large pike.

**West 81:** Slow. **Off limits to game fish spearing.**

**Lake Whitewood:** Fair for perch.

**Lake Henry:** Slow.

**Lake Albert:** Slow.

**Spirit Lake:** No activity.

**Lake Preston:** No activity.

**Hunting Report:** Snow geese have just started arriving in the area.

## Lake County

**Cody Symens**

**Fishing Report:** Ice conditions are not good, vehicle travel not advised. There are large pockets of open water on many of the Lake County lakes!!

**Lake Madison:** Slow, minimal fishing pressure.

**Lake Herman:** Minimal pressure.

**Brant Lake:** Minimal angling pressure.

**Long Lake:** No report.

**Lake Henry:** Anglers should use extreme caution traversing the ice as the majority of the eastern half of the lake is open water. Anglers are fishing the north portion of the lake having occasional success (fish ranging in all sizes).

**Lake George:** Minimal pressure.

**Hunting Report:** Look for snow goose opportunities now.

## Lincoln County

**Nate Stukel**

**Fishing Report:**

**Big Sioux:** Ice conditions are not safe, no fishing activity.

**Lake Alvin:** No fishing activity observed this week. Ice conditions are not good, use extreme caution..

**Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: Minimum Length 15"**

**Hudson:** Very little fishing activity this past week. Ice conditions are not safe.

**Lake Lakota:** No activity. Ice conditions are not good, use extreme caution.

**Nine Mile Creek:** Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: Minimum Length 15”

**Hunting Report:** No Snow Geese have been observed up to this point.

## McCook County

**Matt Talbert**

**Fishing Report:** Ice conditions are poor.

**Lake Vermillion:** Minimal activity. Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: Minimum Length 15”

**Island Lake:** Minimal activity. Off limits to game fish spearing.

**Lehrman Slough:** No fishing activity seen.

**Hunting Report:** Hunters looking for something to do should target predators and rabbits and snow geese.

## Miner County

**Evan Meyer**

**Fishing Report:** Ice conditions are bad.

**Carthage Lake:** No activity. Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: Minimum Length 15”

**Hunting Report:** Snow geese have been observed in the area.

## Minnehaha County

**Jared Hill**

**Fishing Report:** Ice conditions are poor.

**Beaver Lake:** Minimal activity.

**Scott Slough:** Small perch fair. Otherwise, a few walleye and crappie.

**Island Lake:** A few perch and walleye. Off limits to game fish spearing.

**Loss Lake:** Minimal activity.

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**Twin Lakes:** Walleye fair late afternoon and evening. Walleye: Daily limit 1; Minimum length 28”

**Family Park:** Little activity.

**Wall Lake:** A few small perch and bluegills.

**Clear Lake:** No reports.

**Diamond Lake:** Small perch fair along with a few small walleye.

**Hunting Report:** Good numbers of snow geese in the northwest part of the county.

## Moody County

**Chad Williams**

**Fishing Report:**

**Big Sioux River:** No activity.

**Hunting Report:** Some snow geese can be found mostly in the western part of the county.

## Sanborn County

**Evan Meyer**

**Fishing Report:** Fishing activity has been slow.

**Hunting Report:** Snow geese have been observed in the area.

## Turner County

**Brian Humphrey**

**Fishing Report:** No activity observed.

**Hunting:** Plenty of geese moving through the county. I have observed some geese at Mud Lake GPA near Hurley.

## Union County

**Tony Stokely / Nate Stukel**

**Fishing Report:**

**Missouri River:** No activity.

**Big Sioux River:** No activity.

**McCook Lake:** No activity. **Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: Minimum Length 15"**

**Hunting Report:** Some snow geese have started peeking in.

## Yankton County

**Dan Altman**

**Fishing Report:** Ice is coming off if not off already.

**Marindahl:** Minimal activity and success. **Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: Minimum Length 15"**

**Lewis and Clark:** Minimal activity and success. Ice conditions vary with the warm weather received last week.

**Walleye: Minimum Length 15"**

**James River:** No activity.

**Lake Yankton:** Lake Yankton was chemically renovated in fall 2014 to eliminate invasive fish species. It has been restocked but it may be 1-3 years before good fishing returns.

**Missouri River:** Most fishing activity has been near Gavin's Point Dam. Anglers are picking up occasional walleye, white bass and drum. Remember discarding rough fish on shore lines is illegal.

**Hunting Report:** Snow geese have been seen in the area.